

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, April 26, 2022, marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted.

Over a lengthy career, Olmsted was an author, journalist, public official, city planner, landscape architect, and creative genius who transformed the American landscape.

Olmsted's philosophy and designs influenced the development of beautiful and functional landscapes, including parks and parkways, college campuses, planned communities, estates, cemeteries, recreation areas, and specialized landscapes for arboreta and expositions including, the U.S. Capitol grounds, New York City's Central Park, Yosemite Valley, Hot Springs National Park, and Stanford University.

Olmsted is remembered as the premier landscape architect in the United States during the 19th century and is considered to be the founder of landscape architecture in the United States. He was also one of the first individuals to promote the idea of national parks in his 1865 Yosemite Report.

Olmsted believed that thoughtful landscape designs should promote community, advance democracy, provide recreational opportunities in urban environments, nurture and invigorate public health, and encourage the development of livable communities.

Olmsted's associates, sons, and successor firms carried out his philosophy and designs well into the 20th century, leaving a tremendous legacy of historic landscapes that continues to benefit the people of the United States and visitors throughout the world.

Olmsted inspired the development of large parks and park systems for public benefit in urban areas, creating a legacy of parks that are a singular feature of the urban experience.

Olmsted's landscape designs play a vital role in the enrichment of quality of life in hundreds of communities across the United States who are celebrating this bicentennial anniversary as part of a coordinated national and local celebration.

I commend this occasion and celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF J. DARREN STEWART

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the distin-

guished service of Chief Darren Stewart of Pawcatuck, Connecticut. As the Chief of Police in Stonington, Stewart led an esteemed career that spanned over 38 years since he joined the force at the age of 19. In leading the division for the last 14 years, Chief Stewart has embodied the spirit of a perfect role model and leader—one that I am sure that future chiefs, not just in Stonington but also across the entire district, will look to in praise and admiration.

In addition to serving in the police department, Stewart also pursued a passion for learning and teaching. In 2000, he earned a Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Connecticut in Storrs and continued his studies at Salve Regina University of Rhode Island to earn his Master of Business Administration in Management. Armed with these degrees and a passion for helping others grow, Darren began a secondary career as a professor for his alma maters and the Connecticut State Police Academy in 2004. Since his first day as a professor, Stewart has proved a patient and wise teacher committed to educating future community members.

Chief Stewart's dual-path as an educator and community leader proved to make him a natural, steady-handed Chief of the Stonington Police Department. Passionate about the protection of his local community, Stewart's dedication and impressive work ethic earned him the promotion of Chief of Police in 2008. As someone whose career originated with the force, he came into the role with a clear understanding of the greatest opportunities for improvement. It was with this background in mind that prioritizing an efficient and resource-rich workforce became the first, second and third priority.

One-by-one, Chief Stewart marked off his checklist of goals for the force, equipping his officers with the tools that they needed to succeed. This included updating mechanical systems and computer technology, acquiring a new police boat, and creating a chaplain program to assist his officers with the toughest part of the job—notifying immediate family of the tragic loss of one of their colleagues. Notably, it was also with much thanks to Chief Stewart's efforts that Stonington led the movement to invest in local communications infrastructure and tie the agency into the state's superior radio system. As a result of Chief Stewart's initiative and the town's major upgrade in terms of safe and efficient communication, Stonington earned the 2018 Municipal Excellence Award from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. With Chief Stewart at the helm, the Stonington Police Department also entered a parenthood with Safe Futures, a social services agency based in nearby New London, Connecticut, which now supports the town in assisting victims of domestic violence. My office has worked with the Stonington Police Department to obtain federal competitive grant funding in the past and I can personally attest that the department would not be nearly as well equipped and successful as it is today without Chief Stewart's hard work and advocacy for his fellow officers.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud to represent such selfless and committed constituents as Darren Stewart in the second district of Connecticut. Inspired by his wife, Beth, three daughters, and the difference made by his own colleagues, Chief Stewart set out to ensure the Stonington Police Department worked for their partners: the People of Stonington. Though his transition into his new role undoubtedly leaves large shoes to fill, we find gratitude in the fact that he has left the department in incredible standing, in capable hands, and that Chief Stewart will remain an active member of the local community. To that end, as he embarks on this next chapter with his family, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Chief J. Darren Stewart, an inspiring leader and impeccable role model, for his huge successes in the police department and impact on the countless lives of others, extending the legacy of his career.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CHRIS WILDER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris Wilder who is retiring after 18 years as the President and Executive Director of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. His impact and contributions can be seen throughout our community.

In 2004, Chris Wilder joined the Valley Medical Center Foundation, which is the nonprofit organization that acts as the community fundraising arm for Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center. This center provides care to 1 in 4 valley residents and is home to San Jose's only top-level trauma center. Since joining the foundation, Chris has raised more than \$100 million for our safety net health system. In his first two years alone in the position, he led two multimillion-dollar capital campaigns that allowed for the completion of the Parisi House on the Hill and the purchase of a new linear accelerator for the Sobrato Cancer Center. He also was a major champion for Measure A, which generated \$840 million to build Sobrato Pavilion, the new adult hospital building and a major health center in downtown San Jose. Chris was integral in Santa Clara County's COVID-19 response, where he helped secure over \$30 million in funds and donated supplies to protect healthcare workers, expand testing, and support vaccination efforts.

I have been honored to see his work firsthand and am so grateful for his steadfast resolve to help ensure that our safety net remains strong. He's been rightfully called a "nonprofit superhero" as his efforts can be seen throughout the Valley Medical Center campus. Please join me in thanking Mr. Wilder for his years of dedication and wishing him the very best in his retirement.

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HONORING VICTORIA BRANDON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Victoria Brandon, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion from Lake County for her inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Victoria Brandon was born in New York City and attended Brandeis University. She has been a California resident since 1976, and she has resided in Lake County since 1981.

Ms. Brandon has been an active community member, beginning her service in 2004 as Secretary of the Chi Council for the Clear Lake Hitch, where she served until 2020. The next year, she increased her involvement by joining the Sierra Club Lake Group, followed by the Tuleyome Board of Directors and then the Sierra Club Redwood Chapter, which she still serves to this day. From 2009 to 2015, Ms. Brandon represented the Sierra Club on the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee, which she chaired in 2013. Additionally, she chaired the Sierra Club Agriculture and Food Task Force from 2014 to 2015. Ms. Brandon was also a member of the Sierra Club national political team from 2013 to 2021, serving as the chair from 2016 to 2021.

Ms. Brandon has worked on many essential environmental projects, such as the designation of Cache Creek as Wild and Scenic River in 2005, the adoption of California Strategic Framework on invasive species in 2010, the development of Sierra Club policy on Agriculture and Food in 2015, and the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National monument in 2015. Ms. Brandon founded the Sierra Club Grassroots Network Team on Food and Agriculture in 2016 and organized the data on Clear Lake Hitch spawning migrations from 2004 until 2020. When Ms. Brandon is not fighting for climate justice, she enjoys reading, gardening, and other outdoor activities.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Victoria Brandon has dedicated her life to combating the climate crisis in our communities. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

DON CHILDEARS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Childears of the Colorado Bankers Association on his retirement.

For more than forty years, Don has served the Colorado banking community in his role as Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Bankers Association. He got his start in public policy on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. and managed several successful congressional campaigns before joining CBA in 1975. During his time at CBA, Don navigated the adoption of branch banking in Colorado and was instrumental in creating the Executive Development Institute at the Graduate School of Banking at

Colorado. He also worked with Congress on legislation such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Act, and federal legislation to protect banks and other businesses from liability surrounding Y2K issues. Don has been a national leader in helping banks navigate the conflict between state and federal cannabis laws, and he has been a strong supporter of the SAFE Banking Act.

In addition, Don has served on several boards and committees including BancInsure Board of Directors and Reinsurance Committee; Graduate School of Banking at University of Colorado; Trustee and Treasurer, Graduate School of Banking (University of Wisconsin-Madison); and Board Member of the American Bankers Association along with participation on several subcommittees and task forces. Don has a passion for education, and he teaches and lectures to many banking and law schools including the University of Denver, University of Colorado, and George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School. His vast presence and ongoing contribution to the banking community here and across the country earned him the Denver Business Journal's Pinnacle Award for The Most Admired CEO in November 2020. Don has also been recognized with industry awards including the Scarboro Award from CU's Graduate School of Banking.

In addition to Don's work professionally, he has served his community in other capacities. He has served on the Common Sense Institute board, Vice-Chair of Let Colorado Vote, and Chair of the Colorado Competitive Council, to name a few. He remains active on many other campaigns and initiatives, task forces, nominating committees, advisory boards, and charitable and political committees.

I have had the privilege of working with Don on many different occasions and always appreciate his advice and insight on many issues. His hard work and dedication to the banking industry is tremendous. I wish Don all the best in retirement and send gratitude for his service to our community, the State of Colorado, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
AGAMYRAT AGAMBAYEZ**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Dr. Agamyrat Agambayez. This man, still in the prime of his life, was ruthlessly murdered in broad daylight in Tempe, Arizona. The killer took the life of a husband, a father, and an incredible immigrant to this country who was all set to start his new career working at Intel.

This young man was loved by many and led an impressive life that will not go unnoticed.

Dr. Agamyrat Agambayez was an impressive scholar receiving his second Ph.D at Arizona State University. He had also recently accepted an engineering job at Intel that he worked so diligently to get. But most importantly, Dr. Agamyrat Agambayez was a friend to many, an extraordinary husband and a dedicated father to his two year old son. Dr. Agamyrat's wife, Sumeyra Agambayez states, "He had a real bright future . . . he was dedi-

cated, smart, and studied tirelessly for years at universities to start giving back to the community here and abroad in Turkmenistan."

I condemn the crime here, and the loss to humanity. I am appalled at the growing crime and homeless problems in Tempe and Phoenix. Our people need to be assured they can live and work in a community without fear of a murderous car jacker lurking to take one's life and property.

I mourn for his young family. His son will be left with little memory of his father. But I hope one day his son will read these words, and the words of others, and know that his father was a bright star in the sky and made the world a better place. He lived and died with honor.

My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones and shall Dr. Agamyrat Agambayez never be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING EMILY BEAR
OF ROCKFORD FOR WINNING A
GRAMMY AWARD**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Emily Bear on her Grammy Award for "Best Musical Theater Album."

A graduate of Guilford High School, 20-year-old Emily Bear is a native of Rockford, Illinois. Since graduating in 2017, she has released numerous albums, scored major films with Warner Brothers and has performed at internationally renowned settings, such as the Lincoln Center, the Hollywood Bowl and Carnegie Hall. This year, Emily won her first Grammy Award with Abigail Barlow for Best Musical Theater Album for "The Unofficial Bridgerton Musical." Last year, Emily and Abigail began the project inspired by the popular Netflix series by going through the show's plot as if it were a musical. With her hard work, Emily has turned a viral social media sensation into a Grammy Award.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Emily Bear on her first Grammy Award and wish her much success in her life and career.

RECOGNIZING ANNIE BURNS-HICKS

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to recognize one of Northwest Indiana's true pioneers, Annie Burns-Hicks, the School City of Hammond's first African American teacher. Earlier this year, the Hammond School Board voted unanimously to rename Maywood Elementary School, which she attended in her youth and at which she taught for the majority of her career, to Annie Burns-Hicks Elementary School. The School City of Hammond will be honoring Ms. Burns-Hicks at a special event taking place on April 28, 2022.

The eldest of thirteen children, Annie's family relocated from Mississippi to Hammond, Indiana, in 1944. Her parents, Albert and Mary Burns, sought a better life for their children

after her father witnessed the brutal lynching of two young black boys. Annie recalls her father telling her and her siblings of his expectation that they strive to make the world a better place, a lesson that has remained with her throughout her lifetime. It was this desire to make a positive change in her community that likely led to her graduation from Ball State Teachers College in hopes of returning to teach in Hammond.

Unfortunately, Annie's desire to improve her community by educating the city's children would not come without opposition. Despite being five years after the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* ruling of the Supreme Court to end segregation in schools, Ms. Burns-Hicks's application for a teaching position was rejected without consideration, as she was told the city was "not ready for a colored teacher." Undeterred, and remembering her father's inspirational words encouraging her to be a force of change, Annie pressed on through the courts and won, thus allowing her to become the first African American teacher in the city of Hammond in 1960 and paving the way for the many future teachers who would follow in her footsteps. During her tenure, Ms. Burns-Hicks co-authored the first full-day kindergarten program in the city, a contribution that truly enhanced the educational opportunities for the community's young children.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Annie Burns-Hicks. Ms. Burns-Hicks broke barriers as Hammond's first African American teacher, and in doing so, has been a true inspiration and a source of tremendous pride to her community. Throughout her more than forty years of teaching, she touched countless lives. It is fitting that the school now bears her name for the generations to come.

IN HONOR OF LOUIS BURKOT

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Louis Burkot as he celebrates 40 years as the founding artistic director of Opera North in Lebanon, NH.

Among his accomplishments, Louis has conducted the Dartmouth College Glee Club and more than 700 Opera North Resident Artists from around the world. His expertise in vocal and choral music has contributed significantly to the Upper Valley community and beyond. Louis' knowledge of vocal and operatic music has been invaluable for many young singers, many of whom have gone on to major careers around the world.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Louis for his many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Louis on 40 years of incredible work, and I wish him many more.

VIRGINIA THEATRE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Virginia Theatre in Champaign, Illinois, which celebrated 100 years of business on December 28, 2021.

In 1921, Charles "C.C." Pyle made the decision to build a major entertainment venue in downtown Champaign, an area that had been known as a cultural hotspot. He initially had a vision of a 12-story hotel with a large theatre space, but that quickly changed. The final building resulted in a stand-alone, multipurpose performing arts center.

In January of 2000, the Champaign Park District made countless efforts to prevent this landmark from demolition. Once they assumed control of the theatre, it went on to grow into a \$10 million restoration project to bring the theatre back to life.

Through the years, the Virginia Theatre has been the "place to be" for friends, families, and colleagues in the community. The Theatre hosts local productions, concerts, movies, live theatrical plays, stand-up comedy events, and many more.

Congratulations to the Virginia Theatre on their 100th anniversary, and I wish them all the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PRIVATE OLIVER CROMWELL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Private Oliver Cromwell, one of the most decorated Black soldiers who served in the American Revolutionary War.

Private Cromwell was born in 1753 in Mansfield Township, New Jersey, and in 1776 he enlisted in the 2nd New Jersey Regiment. He crossed the Delaware River with General George Washington and went on to fight for American independence in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Monmouth, Short Hills, and Yorktown. At the conclusion of the war, Cromwell received the Badge of Merit for six years of faithful service to the Army and was honorably discharged by General Washington in 1783.

Following his service, Cromwell fathered 15 children in Burlington Country and loved to share stories of his time as a "Drummer in the Revolution" with his family and the community. Cromwell passed away at 101 years old in 1853, and he is buried in Burlington at the Broad Street Methodist Church cemetery. Oliver Cromwell risked everything fighting for freedom in a country that did not recognize his own right to freedom. For these sacrifices, Oliver Cromwell should be eternally remembered for his contributions toward America's independence. Burlington County is grateful for Private Cromwell's dedication, sacrifice, patriotism, and honorable personal conduct.

Nine generations of his descendants have resided in Burlington County, some of whom still reside in the 3rd District today and continue to honor their familial legacy through community engagement, service, and historic preservation. I am grateful for Private Cromwell's descendants' continued contributions to our community and am proud to be honoring the life and legacy of their ancestor on this day.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARVIN YELLOWHAIR

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Marvin Yellowhair, a beloved Navajo community leader who passed away in March.

Throughout Marvin's life, he made immense contributions to numerous fields, and is remembered as a devoted son, brother, father, husband, uncle, nephew, grandfather, coach, author, musician, actor, storyteller, runner, carpenter, politician, Council Delegate, and School Board Member.

After graduating from Rough Rock High School and attending Mesa Community College, Dine College, Northern Arizona University, and the University of New Mexico, he dedicated his life to the advancement of Navajo language, culture, and history developing bilingual and bicultural curriculum materials and publishing several books of his own.

He continued his efforts developing Navajo language materials and books throughout his career, translating for notable artists, authors, and craftsmen. Among many accomplishments, he was the voice actor for Darth Vader from the Navajo version of the movie *Star Wars*, and worked with Oxford University out of New York to develop an English and Navajo picture dictionary and Rosetta Stone audio recordings to support the teaching and learning of the Navajo language.

Throughout 30 years at Rough Rock Community School, as both a teacher of Navajo language, and a beloved basketball, football, and baseball coach, Marvin was well-known by colleagues and students for his passion for Navajo culture and history, and his gift for storytelling and leadership.

A devoted advocate for Navajo self-determination in education and strong supporter of Navajo Nation veterans, his legacy in the Rough Rock and Black Mesa communities will live on for generations to come.

The Navajo Nation and the state of Arizona have lost a great leader. My wife and I are keeping his many loved ones, friends, students, and colleagues in our hearts as they mourn his passing.

WHAT CAN JWB DO FOR CD 13?

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous accomplishments of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.

For 75 years, this organization has dedicated itself to the betterment of Pinellas County's future, which lies in the hands of our community's children.

The Juvenile Welfare Board works with our county's children from an early age to ensure that both they, and their parents, caregivers, and family members receive a solid foundation on which to build their education. The Board's School Readiness program prepares children for their critical kindergarten education, which is crucial for their future success in the classroom. The JWB supports our county's youth throughout their education, with the programs they fund driving them to meet not only important developmental milestones but promoting behaviors and attitudes necessary for learning and engagement.

Beyond the classroom, the JWB works tirelessly to strengthen the communities from which our future leaders grow. Focusing on the mental health of our children is one of the Board's primary goals, making sure any type of mental illness is diagnosed and treated before it becomes an impediment for their future success. They also work to stop preventable deaths within the county, combating unsafe sleep practices for infants, child drowning, and head trauma, so that no family must deal with the tremendous loss of a child.

The JWB's mission also includes providing relief for the families of Pinellas County when they need it. From rental and food assistance, eviction prevention services, and helping with affordable childcare, the JWB ensures that any family that needs a helping hand is given one.

The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County is a powerful example of the power we can have on our communities if we simply dare to try. Their efforts deserve veneration in this Congress, not only in appreciation of their efforts, but as an example of the power of community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALS RESEARCH AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, as the son of a veteran, father of a veteran, and a veteran myself, I rise in support of important work being done at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding research and development of treatments for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neurodegenerative diseases.

This work is combining the capabilities of National Polytrauma Centers, like the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Florida, with the expertise of the private sector to give hope to veterans who are battling these illnesses, everywhere.

Veterans are 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with ALS compared to the general population.

More research needs to be done to understand the connection, which goes back at least 100 years, between military service and ALS, as well as to ensure we are able to achieve the best possible outcomes for our veterans.

I applaud the VA for continuing to make this a priority and look forward to seeing the potential of these partnerships.

HONORING CHIEF RAINER J. NAVARRO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Rainer J. Navarro in celebration of his outstanding career in the Santa Rosa Police Department.

Chief Navarro was born in Lynwood, California, in 1969 to Rainer and Cecilia Navarro. He served in the United States Navy from 1987 to 1989. After his time in the Navy, he attended Santa Rosa Junior College and earned an associate of arts degree in 1991. He later earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Sonoma State University in 1996 and a master's degree in law enforcement and public safety from the University of San Diego in 2018.

Chief Navarro began his career in the Santa Rosa Police Department in 1992 as a patrol officer. In 2006, he was promoted to Sergeant and six years later, was again promoted. As a Lieutenant, he oversaw the Traffic and Special Events Bureau and served as Watch Commander. Chief Navarro made Captain in 2015 and supervised both the Special Services Division and Field Services Division. After over 25 years of service, the city named him Chief of the Santa Rosa Police Department in 2019.

Chief Navarro's personal values focus on his faith, family, and service. He volunteers with Special Olympics, Shop with a Cop, Roseland Unified School District, and Rosewood Gospel Mission. Chief Navarro also has served on the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership Policy Team, California Police Chiefs Association, CHOPS Teen Club Board of Directors, Social Advocates for Youth Board of Directors, and the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Chief Navarro has been a dedicated member of the Santa Rosa Bible Church. He married his high school sweetheart, Diedre, in 1989 and they have been happily married for 33 years. Together, they have two children, Trent and Alexa, and two grandchildren, Caspian and Griffin.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Chief Navarro has dedicated his life to serving the people of Santa Rosa through his career in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR CHARLOTTE WILCOX

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Charlotte Wilcox, the Mayor of the City of Highland Village, Texas. Mayor Wilcox is retiring following her seven-year long tenure in mayoral office, and almost two decades of

public service in Highland Village city government.

Mayor Wilcox and her family moved to Highland Village in 1995. In 2006, she was appointed to the city's Zoning and Development Commission, before being elected to Place 3 of the Highland Village City Council three years later. She served in this position until her fellow councilmembers appointed her to mayoral office in 2015 following the retirement of her predecessor. In May 2015, she was elected as Mayor, and due to term limitations, will conclude her service on the Highland Village City Council in May 2022.

Throughout her service in her public office, Mayor Wilcox has worked tirelessly for the economic and physical well-being of her constituency. She has been instrumental in ensuring funding for vital improvements to Highland Village's highway infrastructure, as well as the establishment of half a dozen parks and recreational facilities throughout the city. Thanks to Mayor Wilcox's efforts, many trails, parks, roads, and walkways have been constructed and expanded to maximize her city's quality of life.

Furthermore, Mayor Wilcox oversaw the opening of many new businesses and the remodeling of many older ones to strengthen and expand the City's tax base. Under her fiscal leadership, the city achieved a AAA Bond Rating.

Mayor Wilcox, in addition to overseeing the City's impressive record of financial stability and economic development, has also served as a strong advocate for Highland Village's highly esteemed city staff. Under her administration, the Council approved two new paid holidays and secured a competitive benefits package for city employees.

As Mayor Wilcox concludes her estimable tenure as Mayor, I join the residents and businesses of Highland Village in applauding her dedication to city improvement, governmental transparency, and community involvement. She has truly been a valuable contributor to our North Texas community, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER ON GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the participation of the El Paso Juvenile Justice Center in this year's Global Youth Service Day.

The El Paso Juvenile Center has dedicated the month of April 2022 to engage and educate local youth to speak out against violence in our El Paso community. Through events with stakeholders, leaders, and community members, our young people are creating solutions on how to prevent hate crimes and violence using art. They are concluding the month with paying tribute at the El Paso Healing Garden to the 23 victims who lost their life and the 22 injured victims of the horrific Walmart shooting of 2019.

I praise the work that the Juvenile Justice Center is doing to help our young people

thrive and be active community members. Our young people of today will be our leaders of tomorrow and they will be equipped to solve problems our community faces.

HONORING NASCAR TEAM OWNER
CHIP GANASSI FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor NASCAR team owner Chip Ganassi for twenty years as the owner of Chip Ganassi Racing.

After a successful career as a racer, Mr. Ganassi purchased the SABCO team in 2001 and quickly renamed it Chip Ganassi Racing. Over the next 20 years, his team achieved a combined 40 wins in the NASCAR Cup Series and the NASCAR Xfinity series. Most notably, Chip Ganassi Racing experienced great success in the NASCAR Cup Series where it achieved 20 victories along with 36 pole positions, 196 top-five finishes, and 474 top-10 finishes.

Mr. Ganassi's experience and knowledge immediately propelled his team to great success. In Mr. Ganassi's inaugural season as owner, Sterling Marlin finished in third place in the 2001 NASCAR Cup Series championship. This success quickly established a culture of winning at Chip Ganassi Racing that attracted some of NASCAR's best drivers. While racing for Ganassi, Jamie McMurray became the first driver to win NASCAR's Indianapolis 500 and IndyCar's Daytona 500 in the same year. Additionally, household-name Kyle Larson earned four first place finishes in a single season as a member of Ganassi's team. Furthermore, Mr. Ganassi's achievements extend beyond results on the racetrack. His unique and effective business sense set new precedents for success in NASCAR. Unlike many other team owners, team ownership was his only business. He also maintained an impressive 28-year relationship with Target and secured it as a long-time sponsor for Chip Ganassi Racing.

After retiring this past Fall, Mr. Ganassi leaves behind an impressive legacy that I am proud to acknowledge today. He is highly regarded by other team owners and racers alike. His accomplishments reflect his dedication to racing and his intense desire for improvement. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing him and his family continued success and happiness in his retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. Chip Ganassi for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions as a racing team owner.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF MANJIT
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HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman

JOHN GARAMENDI, to honor Chief Manjit Sappal as he retires from his outstanding, six-year service as the Chief of Police for the city of Martinez, California.

Born in the United Kingdom, Chief Sappal and his family immigrated to the United States in 1981 and settled in the Bay Area, where he has lived ever since. In the late 1990s, Chief Sappal began his 26-year-long career in law enforcement as a police officer in Pittsburg, California. Later, he moved to the Richmond Police Department, where he worked for 18 years and became a captain. While working as a police officer, Mr. Sappal graduated from Golden Gate University with highest honors, earning a master's degree in public administration. He also graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Chief Sappal's rigorous work ethic and impressive credentials propelled him to the office of Chief of Police of Martinez in 2015, a position from which he retired from on March 17, 2022. Throughout his career in law enforcement, Chief Sappal has worked in several positions. From Homicide Investigator to Guns and Gang Detective, he has always put himself on the line to make his community safer. While these experiences were memorable, Chief Sappal considers his time as Chief of Police, working with an amazing, high-performing team, to be the highlight of his career. Chief Sappal's service extends beyond law enforcement. As a member of the Contra Costa Council for Homelessness and the Martinez Rotary and Kiwanis, Chief Sappal has worked hard to maintain trust with the community and keep the public safe.

After retirement, Chief Sappal looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Tina, and their two teenage children, Alexis Lily and Andrew Tyler. While the people of Martinez will miss his excellent police work and leadership, the sense of empathy and compassion he established in the community will last a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Chief Manjit Sappal has served our community through his exceptional career in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF KENNETH DUNCAN DICKSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life and service of Kenneth Duncan Dickson. Ken strove each and every day of his extraordinary life to leave a better world for his children and grandchildren. He was received into the Arms of the Lord after a hard-fought battle against COVID-19 on August 19, 2021. This great American, and proud Texan, is survived by his loving wife of forty-four years, Judith Dion Dickson; his sons Kenneth Craig Dickson (wife Lynne) and Jason Keith Dickson (wife Lauren); and his grandchildren Abigail Peavey (husband Rafe), Macy Dickson, Cohen Dickson and Savannah Dickson; and many other family members and friends.

Ken was born on December 29, 1938, to Kenneth Taylor Dickson and Trixie Duncan Dickson. After graduating from W.W. Samuell High School in 1957, he went on to earn a degree in Business and Agriculture from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. As a man instilled with the virtue of patriotism, Ken served in the United States Army National Guard in the 49th Armored Division after graduation. He started his career in insurance and apparel manufacturing wherein he owned and operated a number of showrooms at the Dallas Apparel Mart. Subsequently, in the 1980s, Ken was introduced to the lively oil and gas industry into which he would pour his professional talents for the rest of his life. Even at the ripe age of eighty-two, one might have found Ken researching new technologies, making phone calls, and consulting greenhorns in the industry. Ken was also a gubernatorially appointed member of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

As a pillar of the Rockwall community, Ken led the charge for over forty years to protect the American Dream and the foundational values that make this country great. He was a founding member of the Rockwall County Republicans, served four years as a City Councilman, was a Republican Precinct Chair, Election Judge, and a Delegate to the Republican State Conventions. Moreover, among the greatest services he provided was to work with Congressman Ralph Hall during Mr. Hall's election campaigns. Ken received the Ralph M. Hall Chairman's Award for his lifetime of dedication to the cause of the Republican Party.

Madam Speaker, I have shared with the House today only a small portion of this great American's life. His accomplishments, the joy he has brought, the services he has wrought, and the extraordinary love that he had for his family and friends could fill volumes. I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Kenneth Duncan Dickson's patriotism and devotion to God, Family, and Country. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal condolences to the Dickson family for the loss of such an extraordinary man of service and duty. May God bless his soul.

IN MEMORY OF REBECCA
ADELMAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Rebecca M. Adelman, an accomplished young woman and personal friend who passed away in April of 2020. Rebecca would have become 39 years old on May 14, 2022 and is adored and missed as ever before. Rebecca is remembered by many as a caring healthcare provider, passionate academic, and noble public servant. In addition to these accolades, Rebecca was proud to be the daughter to Patricia and Howard Adelman, sister to Mara (Pat) and Mike (Dani) Adelman, devoted spouse of Caroline Lemelin, and loving mother of her greatest joys, twin sons Rory and Finn Adelman, who turn four years old this Spring. I am honored to join with Rebecca's loving family to recognize her impactful life.

Upon Rebecca graduating from Wellesley College in 2005, she had a world of opportunity ahead of her. She headed to Washington to work for ABC News and eventually joined the Obama presidential campaign's staff, energetically serving the Vice President's press team as the general election approached. After President Obama and then-Vice President Biden's landslide election in 2009, Rebecca was given a position on the President's transition team, managing press at the inauguration, and then joined the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as one of the Administration's first DHHS staff placements. Ms. Adelman rose throughout the agency, serving as the Special Assistant to the Administrator at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), as DHHS's Deputy Liaison to the White House, and Acting Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary.

Inspired by her HHS colleagues to be a "doer rather than a talker," as well as by the idea of direct healthcare service, she achieved her status as a Registered Nurse (RN) and earned a Master of Public Health degree with Honors from Johns Hopkins University. Her nursing career began in New York as a neonatal intensive care unit nurse at Mount Sinai, before advancing to become Clinical Nurse Manager and then Patient Care Director at New York Presbyterian Hospital. No matter the professional arena or personal circumstances, her intuition and broad skill set enabled her to perform at the highest level of proficiency. At the time of Ms. Adelman's passing, she was the Nurse Manager responsible for running the entire neonatal intensive care unit at New York-Presbyterian, an incredible achievement to her career journey.

Madam Speaker, Rebecca M. Adelman accomplished so much and earned the love and respect of so many during her short time with us, and she is truly missed. Her family and all who knew her and benefitted from her many contributions to the community can attest to her remarkable impact and inspiration, as well as her enduring optimism and commitment to community. Two years after her passing, Rebecca Adelman's incredible legacy continues to improve the lives of others and will last for a long time to come. Our nation is better off because of the service of Ms. Rebecca M. Adelman, and we are forever grateful for her many contributions.

CASSIE TANNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cassie Tanner for her service to the West Metro Fire Protection District.

Cassie has served on the Board of Directors of the West Metro Fire Protection District for eight years. During her tenure, she has provided strong leadership through a number of significant changes and is currently serving as Board President.

During her tenure on the Board, Cassie oversaw the budget and policy decisions for the West Metro Fire District. In this role, she supported local firefighters who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting people, prop-

erty and the and community at-large. Her background in banking, finance, employee relations as well as her common sense, problem-solving skills helped make her a valuable member of the Board.

I have known Cassie for many years and know her to be a hardworking, dedicated member of our community. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Cassie Tanner for her service to the West Metro Fire District and to our local community. I know she will continue on to do great things in our community and I wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING RUE MAPP

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rue Mapp, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion for her inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Ms. Mapp was born in Oakland, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in the history of art, with a minor in city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley. She also earned a Women in Leadership Certificate from Mills College, Institute for Civic Leadership in her hometown of Oakland.

Ms. Mapp founded Outdoor Afro in 2009 to celebrate and inspire Black people to connect with each other through nature. For the past five years, Outdoor Afro has included a policy and education cohort that has advocated for environmental protection legislation, including the Land Water Conservation Fund, which funds parks and public land. Today, Outdoor Afro includes over 60,000 participants and over 100 volunteer leaders who promote and participate in outdoor activities, such as hiking, fishing, biking and more.

Ms. Mapp has received various honors for her environmental work. Ms. Mapp has been appointed to the California State Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council's Foundation for Youth Investment, where she serves as program officer. Ms. Mapp is also on the board of the Outdoor Industry Association Governance Committee and the vice-chair of The Wilderness Society Governing Council. Additionally, she was invited to the White House by the Obama Administration for the America's Great Outdoors Conference.

In her free time, Ms. Mapp is an avid outdoorswoman, Recreational Vehicle enthusiast, hunter, and fisher. She loves to cook, sew, write, and spend time with her loved ones. Ms. Mapp's family includes her husband, Darin; her three children, Seth, Delaney, and William; her grandchild, Kendrick; and her beloved Pitbull, Lulu.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Rue Mapp has dedicated her life to combatting the climate crisis in our communities through Outdoor Afro. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
JERRICA PROFERES

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerrica Proferes for her distinguished career in service to this Nation and to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

As a Military Police Officer stationed at Fort Drum, Jerrica began her career of service with the 23rd Military Police Company. For over three years, Jerrica provided law enforcement and support for more than 40,000 soldiers, civilians, and families. In Iraq, she served valiantly as a member of the Immediate Reaction Force team and Riot Response team as a Corrections Officer.

Shortly thereafter, Jerrica joined the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, as a Human Resource Specialist and Operations Manager. Through her service in South Korea, Jerrica embraced the important operations role and admirably performed her duties. She conducted countless briefs, statistic reports, meetings, and training courses during her time in Seoul, and managed overseas job placements for over 2,500 soldiers throughout South Korea.

Jerrica later joined the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, as a Small Group Leader and Operations Manager. For nearly two years, she managed the operations and logistics side of the Institute, ensuring that our servicemembers were properly trained in languages of vital national security interests, such as Persian Farsi and Afghan-Dari.

Following her military career, she continued her habit of service by assisting veterans through VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) at Austin Peay State University. As veterans struggled to transition to life after service, Jerrica helped ease their transition by assisting them in submitting campus applications, registering for courses, creating educational goals, and maintaining successful study plans. Her time with VSOC as a mentor, tutor, and Administrative Assistant left an indelible mark on the lives of servicemembers that will not be forgotten.

As a State Senator for the Tennessee General Assembly, I had the pleasure of working with Jerrica while she served as our legislative intern. Through her efficiency, hard work, and clear skill, I knew that I needed to hire her as a permanent staffer. When I was elected to Congress and putting together a team to serve the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District, Jerrica was at the top of my list. Since January 2019, Jerrica has been the indispensable core of my office. From the innumerable tasks required to set up a congressional office, to creating efficient systems and ensuring the smooth flow of all operations, Jerrica has gone above and beyond in her work, demonstrating the meaning of servant-leadership by example. Our ability to serve the 7th district would not be where it is without her hard work and dedication as Director of Scheduling and Operations.

Jerrica is passionate about what she believes, observant of other people's needs, and, above all, serves others. Even now, as she transitions from my office, she turns to another

avenue of service to this Nation: educating its youth.

Reflecting on her three and a half years of service in my office, Jerrica has performed her role with all honor and distinction. It has been an honor and a privilege to have her as a member of my staff.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, with some regret that she is leaving but immense gratitude for her presence in our office, I commend Jerrica Proferes for pursuing the great responsibility of educating the next generation, and I thank her for her faithful and diligent service to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

**CONGRATULATING HUNGARIAN
PRIME MINISTER VIKTOR ORBAN
ON RE-ELECTION**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on his resounding reelection. The people of Hungary, in a super majority, not only supported him, but his party. In my view, the recipe to his success in Hungary is simple: put Hungary first, always. By focusing on what is good for Hungarians, Mr. Orban rejected internationalism, socialism, and subservience to non-sensical European Union mandates. It is a model, quite frankly, we should follow in the United States, where we seal our borders to protect our citizens and our economy, where we focus on rebuilding families, where we focus on the spirit of our people through God, not just material pursuits, and where we make economic policies that protect our own people and do not subsidize others.

I am also including in the RECORD the following statement from Judicial Watch and Mr. Tom Fitton, its President. They sent a team of election observers to Hungary and found it was a well run, orderly, and fair election, with no corruption. The same cannot be said about our own elections. Congratulations to Mr. Orban, and Mr. Fitton, for the good work they are doing.

**JUDICIAL WATCH TEAM OBSERVES HUNGARY
ELECTIONS—PRAISES ELECTION DAY PROCESSES**

WASHINGTON, DC.—Judicial Watch announced today that it sent a six-member team to observe Election Day procedures during the April 3, 2022, Hungarian parliamentary and referendum national elections. A Judicial Watch report on the Hungarian election concluded that the administration of the vote on Election Day was efficient, orderly, and unremarkable.

The team was led by attorneys who previously worked for the Department of Justice's Voting Section monitoring state and federal elections in the United States. The team also included lawyers who had monitored elections for Judicial Watch.

Judicial Watch's representatives observed voting in 52 precincts at 27 locations in and around Budapest. The Judicial Watch team did not observe any meaningful problems throughout the day. Despite a high national turnout rate approaching 70%, lines were usually brief and only rarely exceeded 15 minutes. The Hungarian electoral practice of

including representatives of every party of any size at each voter registration desk appears to have contributed to a low-controversy environment. In some ways, according to the report, the administration of the vote was more effective, and less chaotic, than what team members had observed in previous elections in parts of the United States.

Judicial Watch's monitoring methodology emphasizes ballot access, meaning the ability of citizens to easily register and cast an equal vote in an election. It particularly focuses on recording specific Election Day problems concerning unlawful electioneering, arbitrary variations in the rules for voting, aggressive voting assistance, unusual ballot handling, voter intimidation or confrontations, and voter "turn aways."

Judicial Watch noted that its methodology contrasted with the approach adopted by other international observers, who often criticized the Hungarian elections based on value judgments about matters like media bias, negative campaigning, campaign finance policy, and the prevalence of women candidates. The report stated that these "are matters more appropriately addressed by editorial boards, not election monitoring teams."

"The transnational Left swarmed Hungary in order to try to create controversy about the election of their ideological opponent, Viktor Orban. By contrast, Judicial Watch's expert election observer team found virtually no issues in the conduct of the elections in Hungary," stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

**CONGRATULATING GRAMMY
AWARDED ROCKFORD NATIVE
ROBERT ISTAD**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Robert Istad for receiving a Grammy Award for "Best Choral Performance."

Robert Istad is a native of Rockford, Illinois and a graduate of the Christian Life High School. Now a professor of Choral Studies and a conductor at Cal State Fullerton, Robert's passion for music has become a fulfilling career. This year, Robert won a Grammy Award for "Best Choral Performance" for his work on the classical piece Mahler Symphony Number 8, Symphony of a Thousand. It is the first Grammy Award for Robert and his renowned choir, the resident chorus at Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to, again, formally congratulate Robert Istad on his first Grammy Award, and wish him much success in his life and career.

HONORING JOHN WILLIAMS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Williams, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion from

Napa County for his inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Born in Clymer, New York, Mr. Williams earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his master's degree in Oenology from University of California, Davis. Mr. Williams founded Frog's Leap Winery over 40 years ago, working as a cellar hand at Stag's Leap Winery and Spring Mountain Winery to finance the first vintage of Frog's Leap wine.

On top of his deep passion for making excellent wine, Mr. Williams has made Frog's Leap Winery a pioneer of organic viticulture practices by abstaining from chemical fertilizers and pesticides, reducing irrigation, and installing solar technology. In fact, he brought a solar installation to Frog's Leap before any other winery in Napa County, starting a climate-friendly trend in the industry.

Mr. Williams participates in various community activities that work to combat climate change. He is a founding member of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Environment and Climate Committee and also serves on the organization's Industry Issues Committee, which works to educate on climate-smart farming practices and setting measurable climate action goals for the wine industry. He was the 2020 Porto Protocols Speaker on Climate Change and the recipient of the coveted "Susty" award from the Ecological Farming Conference. Mr. Williams has also played a major role in the Napa Valley River Restoration project.

Mr. Williams' family have only good things to say about his amazing climate work and environmental business practices. John and his wife Tori have been married for 12 years, and collectively are the proud parents of Rory, Kaylor, Kelly and Owen and four grandchildren, Hal, Alma, Casey and Sophie.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that John Williams has dedicated his life to combating the climate crisis in our communities. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

**IN MEMORY OF MOTOR MACHINIST
MATE 2ND CLASS ROGER H.
SPOONER**

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today, to pay tribute to an extraordinary sailor, World War II veteran, and dedicated civil servant, Mr. Roger H. Spooner, who transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the age of 99. His funeral service was held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. under the "Spooner Oak" on Bartow Gibson Highway in Seminole County, Georgia.

Roger Hern Spooner was born November 18, 1922, as one of eight children to the union of Lewis and Delia Spooner.

In his pursuit of a life outside of farming, Roger answered the call to serve his nation when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1941 at the age of 18. After completing boot camp, he was sent to the aircraft carrier,

U.S.S. *Yorktown*, with a destination of Pearl Harbor, which had just been bombed. After arriving at Pearl Harbor and witnessing the remnants of damage and lingering smoke from the invasion, the crew of 2,500 sailors headed to the coast of Australia. In May of 1942, during the Battle of the Coral Sea, Roger saw action when the U.S.S. *Yorktown* endured damage, and the crew suffered 61 casualties. Following the gruesome battle, the carrier and crew returned to the Navy yard at Pearl Harbor for repairs. Once repairs were made, the crew made their way to Midway Island to join other ships in preparation for the Battle of Midway, which took place in June of 1942. Many historians consider it to be the most important battle in the Pacific during World War II as it was a clash between the U.S. Navy and the Imperial Japanese Navy six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During the Battle of Midway, the U.S.S. *Yorktown* incurred a massive hit beyond repair, and the crew was told to abandon ship. One-by-one every crew member went down a line into the water with their life preservers into water that was so oily that once they were covered, you could only see the whites of their eyes. After being stranded afloat for a day, Roger and his crewmates were rescued.

Roger served another four years in the Navy, where he attended submarine school and completed nine war patrols out of Perth, Australia. He was later discharged from the Navy as a Motor Machinist Mate Second Class, after being involved in a motorcycle accident. Following his military service, he continued to serve his community and make an impact in the lives of others by serving his fellow Veterans as a member of the American Legion Post 157, Donalsonville.

In addition to serving, farming, and raising his family, Roger also ventured into the trucking industry. He worked for a company for almost 18 months before he decided to go into trucking for himself in 1948. From there, he started his company, Spooner Farms Trucking, LLC. His first truck was a 1940s model "gas burner" GMC, but over the years, he acquired several Kenworths and Peterbilts. Roger's sons, David and Dennis; and his grandson Jake, joined his trucking business, which had as many as seven trucks running and always transported produce within a 125-mile radius of the shop.

Roger's love for his wife, his service, and his passion remained active until his passing. As such, he made sure to renew his licenses and maintain the upkeep for his 1999 Peterbilt 379 affectionately named "Miss Eloise", which he used to haul agricultural products, including bagged and liquid commodities. The truck's number (CV5) represented the U.S.S. *Yorktown*'s identification number with a 12.7 Detroit engine and a 10-speed.

Mr. Roger H. Spooner lived his life by the Golden Rule which states "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." A man of great morals, he demonstrated this principle throughout his career and life, outstanding achievement, service, and public distinction. Our community, our state, and our nation are better because of him.

Roger accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his family including his late wife, Eloise; and his sons; Roger, Lewis, Thomas, David and Dennis; and his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Roger H. Spooner for his remarkable service to his community, his nation and to humankind. Moreover, we extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, loved ones, and all who grieve during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

RECOGNIZING WORLD CIVILITY DAY

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that I recognize the Community Civility Counts Initiative as the organization celebrates its annual World Civility Day on April 27, 2022, along with the Gary Chamber of Commerce, the entire community of Northwest Indiana, and beyond. World Civility Day is a day in which we are asked to become aware of our behavior towards others and to become mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions. It is a day to remember that we can be better people in every aspect of life, and to remember that our actions serve as an example for generations to come. In observance of this special event, a day of civility-themed activities will be held in Merrillville, Indiana, at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center, followed by an awards banquet at Avalon Manor.

In 2015, Chuck Hughes, Executive Director of the Gary Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Gordon E. Bradshaw, Chairman of the Public Policy Committee, worked together through the Gary Chamber to create the Civility Counts Initiative. The organization's mission is to build public awareness of civility and to help transform communities through positive programs and relationships. The Initiative works to raise the consciousness level of individuals and groups of people, as so many of us face incidents of disrespect, intolerance, bullying, or violence. For striving to make a difference in our communities, the organization and its supporters are to be commended.

This year, the organization welcomes many significant and remarkable speakers and guests who have worked to promote the powerful message of peace and civility throughout their careers, all of whom are truly worthy of our sincere admiration. The keynote speaker for the ceremony is Robert A. Rohm, Ph.D., who has been a noteworthy teacher, principal, and director of curriculum development. Dr. Rohm is also a very successful author who has written over twenty books, including numerous top sellers. In addition, the workshop speakers include Reverend Dr. Janette Wilson, founder and Executive Director of PUSH for Excellence, Inc. and a senior advisor to Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., as well as Art Norman, NBC 5 News ambassador and Vice President of the National Association of Black Journalists. The organization will also honor special guest Dr. Clyde Rivers, who is

the founder and President of IChange Nations and an Ambassador-at-Large for the Republic of Burundi, Africa.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating the Community Civility Counts Initiative and in celebrating World Civility Day. The significance of this movement will have a positive impact for generations to come. For their influence, passion, and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the leaders and supporters of the Community Civility Counts Initiative are worthy of the highest praise.

CHIEF BEN MAJETICH

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Ben Majetich, who is retiring as West Richland's Police Chief after 34 years of service to the Tri-Cities.

Ben came to Central Washington in 1980 and spent the next 26 years with the Pasco Police Department. He worked in multiple leadership roles, from street patrol division to leading investigations, to being the lead defensive tactics instructor for the city.

His hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and he was soon promoted to captain of West Richland's Police Department, where he would take the lead in developing their newly-opened, state-of-the-art facility.

Chief Majetich truly represents the best of Central Washington: a man of courage and grit, a man not afraid to roll up his sleeves to get the job done. He has proudly served the Tri-Cities for 34 years, going above and beyond to ensure the safety of our community. He is leaving the department in good hands with his successor, Captain Thomas Grego, but he will certainly be missed.

I extend my sincerest gratitude to Chief Majetich for his leadership and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING JOSEPH SILVI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Silvi, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion from Sonoma County for his inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Joseph was born in Sonoma, California, and attended Sonoma Valley High School, from which he graduated as valedictorian in 2021. While in high school, Joseph participated in various extracurriculars, many of which related to environmental causes. He was the founder and President of Sonoma Valley High School's Campus Beautification Club, which organized club workdays to plant trees and flowers, coordinated with the school's art club to design campus murals, and secured funding from local charitable organizations. Joseph also

spearheaded the environmental sustainability program at Crescent Montessori School in Sonoma, implementing several low-cost, regenerative gardening projects.

Joseph mentored incoming freshmen students at Sonoma Valley High through the school's Link Crew Program, offering them advice, resources, emotional support, and academic support. He also volunteered through the Interact Club, the socio-civic nonprofit organization La Luz, First Baptist Church of Sonoma, Food for the Hungry, Sonoma Valley High's Wildlife Club, Skiing for Change, and Operation Christmas Child.

Joseph is currently a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley, College of Engineering, where he studies environmental engineering. He is a member of the UC Berkeley Biofuels Technology Club and serves in various roles within the club, such as Club Officer, Scale-Up Team Lead, and Head of Fuel Production. Joseph is integral in the club's work on producing biodiesel from local restaurants cooking oil with the goal of eventually fueling campus and student vehicles with renewable fuel. He is currently leading the gardening and environmental program at the Crescent Montessori School of Sonoma, which teaches young children about sustainable gardening.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Joseph Silvi has dedicated his life to combating the climate crisis in our communities. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN HONOR OF MIKE CLAFLIN

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Clafin on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of Affordable Housing Education & Development Education (AHEAD).

Mike has long been at the forefront of constructing affordable housing in New Hampshire's North Country. It has been an honor to work alongside Mike and his team to see so many impactful projects come to fruition, like the Friendship House and Lloyd's Hills Apartments in Bethlehem. Mike's leadership and advocacy have delivered more options for those suffering from substance abuse disorders as well as countless new housing opportunities for working families to a region that needs our steadfast support now more than ever before.

I commend Mike on his retirement after nearly a decade with AHEAD and on his unwavering dedication and commitment to our North Country. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Mike for his many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Mike on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING LOUISE CALLOWAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Louise Calloway, Founder and Curator of the Underground Railroad Museum in Burlington County, and a beloved member of our community.

Ms. Calloway has committed her life to serving others. Prior to founding the Underground Railroad Museum, she dedicated 50 years to a career in social work and taught college courses in Africa. At a young age, preserving Black history became a passion that's grown into much more. A history buff at 9 years old, she would make scrapbooks using article clippings of African Americans who contributed to our local community.

Despite her first museum closing in 2013, Ms. Calloway worked with local groups to reopen the Underground Railroad Museum in Smithville, New Jersey as part of the Burlington County Parks System. The museum offers its visitors a visual experience of the Underground Railroad, highlighting the role free African Americans and Quakers played at 16 different locations across Burlington County in helping escaped slaves travel to freedom. She hopes that visitors will leave the museum with a greater understanding of mankind, our capacity to be both cruel and kind, and that while we may have different skin colors, we all belong to one human race.

I am proud of the role New Jersey and Burlington County have played in preserving and uplifting Black History. By focusing on the stories of individuals like William Allinson, who operated Wheatley's Pharmacy in Burlington City, New Jersey as a station on the Underground Railroad, future generations will be able to have a connection to the past. Ms. Calloway's remarkable contributions to our community personify Burlington County's slogan, "The Cradle of Emancipation".

In addition to sharing history, Ms. Calloway volunteers at numerous community charities and organizations, including the Bethlehem African Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington. In 2011, she was recognized by the New Jersey Conference of the NAACP for her lifetime work as an educator with the Distinguished Educators Award.

I am grateful to Ms. Calloway for her contributions to our community, and I know I speak on behalf of my constituents when I say her dedication and service are appreciated.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MRS. KATHRYN MCINNIS

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Kathryn McInnis of Old Town, Florida.

Mrs. McInnis is a pillar in her community and a role model for many. A member of multiple advisory boards, she has dedicated her life to serving and improving the lives of oth-

ers. Mrs. McInnis is especially dedicated to our youth. She knows firsthand the challenges presented in rural communities and has been an advocate and mentor to every student she has encountered.

She is an active member with the Dixie County Education Foundation and has also served on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. For more than two decades, she has served on the Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees. Earlier this month, Florida Gateway College dedicated a building in her honor so that her impact will be remembered for years to come.

Mrs. McInnis' heart for serving others is unmatched, and her energetic spirit is infectious. I want to personally thank this incredible woman for her contribution to Dixie County and Florida's Second Congressional District as a whole.

HONORING JOHN MUIR LAND TRUST

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the John Muir Land Trust, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion for their inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

John Muir Land Trust was founded in 1989 by residents of Martinez to protect the Alhambra Valley Open Space known as Stonehurst. Since then, the organization has permanently protected over 3,500 acres of natural space to be used for passive recreation, wildlife habitat, clean drinking water protection, and scenic views. The organization's guiding principle is that natural, open spaces are essential to the health of our earth, air, water, plants, animals, and all of us.

The organization has taken on many large-scale environmental projects in the area, such as the addition of Mount Wanda to the John Muir National Historical Site, stewardship of the Contra Costa Goldfields preserve, the acquisition of Almond Ranch, the merging of Franklin Canyon into Fernandez Ranch, the public opening of Acalanes Ridge, the campaign to save Carr Ranch and the permanent protection of Painted Rock.

Currently, the organization has partnered with the Contra Costa County Flood Control District and the East Bay Regional Park District to restore the wildlife habitat and wetland activity of Pacheco Marsh in Martinez. Pacheco Marsh is home to ten special-status plant and animal species that require protected land to ensure the continued survival of their species. The marsh is planned to become a refuge for migrating birds, spawning fish, and the threatened salt-marsh harvest mouse. The site will include 2.4 miles of walking trails, elevated vistas, bird blinds, kayak launches, interpretive signs, and an environmental educational facility.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that John Muir Land Trust has dedicated its work to combating the climate crisis in our communities for the last 30 years. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the organization and its staff here today.

TRIBUTE TO HATTIE DANIELS
RUSH**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Commissioner Hattie Daniels Rush, an innovator, entrepreneur, business consultant and former White House appointed Commissioner to the Commission on Presidential Scholars. It saddens me to say that this amazing community leader passed away on April 17, 2022.

Commissioner Rush started her journey as a trailblazer when she was just a child. She was one of the first African American children to attend 35th Street School and began to desegregate the Milwaukee Public School System. She did encounter racism and learned to confront and mediate such situations. The early lessons she experienced as a child helped mold her into the strong and inspirational woman she became as an adult.

Commissioner Rush was a graduate of the HBCU Lincoln University in Jefferson City,

Missouri. She always understood the importance of education. Commissioner Rush committed her life to public service, serving as a cheerful educator and licensed family therapist in the City of Milwaukee for many years. She also had a deep commitment to her faith in God and served in many roles with her church, Holy Redeemer. Her combination of skill sets from being a trained teacher and her work with the church put her in the perfect position to help Holy Redeemer open the first African American Christian school in the city, Holy Redeemer Christian Academy, where she served as the school's Program Director. Under the leadership of Commissioner Rush, the Holy Redeemer campus expanded to five separate schools and a range of social service institutions providing impoverished children with educational opportunities across Milwaukee.

One of her greatest contributions to this community was to cultivate the minds of young Black people by teaching them how to break down barriers and obstacles to achieving their goals. President Bush was so impressed with Commissioner Rush's work that he offered her a position in his administration. Commissioner Rush accepted a part-time appointment to the Commission on Presidential

Scholars so she could continue her work as the Program Director for Holy Redeemer Schools.

Hattie Daniels Rush has been my friend since kindergarten and a close friend of my family. My sister Brenda and I often debated who Hattie was most fond of and I had the privilege of visiting her before her transition. Hattie had a true loving and giving spirit; she accepted people as they were and encouraged them to be the best they could be. I count it all joy to have celebrated 65 years of friendship with Hattie Daniels Rush. I will truly miss her, and the people of the 4th Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin will miss this incredible woman.

She leaves behind her beloved husband and daughter, Robert Rush and Ericka Rush, siblings that include Attorney John Daniels, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, Valerie Daniels-Carter and a host of other relatives and friends to celebrate her life and enormous legacy of strength and determination.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Commissioner Hattie Daniels Rush. She has helped transform the lives of so many people. May she rest in peace.